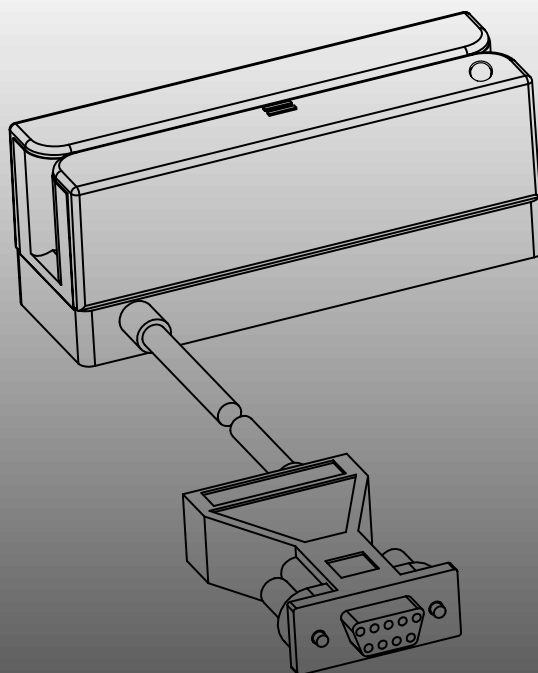


# Welch Allyn SCANTEAM<sup>®</sup> 6980

RS-232 Interface  
Magnetic Stripe Card Reader



## User's Guide

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# **INTRODUCTION TO THE SCANTEAM 6980 1**

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## **Introduction**

The SCANTEAM® 6980 products are decoded output Magnetic Stripe card Readers (MSRs) which attach to Personal Computers (PC) and other devices containing serial RS-232 interface ports. All magnetic stripe decoding and serial RS-232 interface electronics are contained in the compact SCANTEAM 6980 product enclosure.

The SCANTEAM 6980 is a bi-directional card reader, that is, it can read cards swiped in either direction through the card reader. The beeper and the LED included in the SCANTEAM 6980 indicate a good read or bad read to the operator. Versions are available which allow decoding single, dual, and triple track magnetic stripe cards.

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## Features / Benefits

### Compact Size

- Mounts easily on keyboard or any flat surface. (hook and loop fastener installation kit included.)

### Direct Serial RS-232 Interface

- No hardware or software modification to PC system required to add magnetic stripe reading capability.

### Bi-directional Card Read

- Ease of use, reduces training time, allows greater flexibility in mounting device.
- User can enable or disable data tracks.

### Communications Parameters Changeable via DIP Switches

- Allows the MSR's communication settings to be changed in the field to meet the interface specifications of your host equipment. Some of the communication parameters that may be set are:  
baud rate, character data bit count, parity, and check sum.

### Good Read / Bad Track / Error LED and Beeper

- Provides feedback to operator to indicating the following:

<i>Normal Operation</i>	Green LED
<i>Programming Mode</i>	LED off (LED will flash and beeper will sound once as each command key is pressed during programming)
<i>Good Read</i>	Green LED blinks and single beep
<i>Bad or Missing Track</i>	Orange LED and double beep
<i>Error</i>	Red LED and triple beep

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## Applications

The SCANTEAM 6980 offers a fast, easy, and accurate method of entering data contained on a magnetic stripe into a PC system. Retail POS credit and debit account number entry, bank teller automation, membership ID verification, access control, work-in-process data entry, labor and job tracking, and tool and equipment sign out are just a few of the possible applications for the SCANTEAM 6980.

## Configurations

Single Track		
Model #	Mag Track	Connector: External Power Pack ⌘
6980-2 †	2	DB-9 Female ⌘ : Power Pack Included
6980-4 †	3	DB-9 Female ⌘ : Power Pack Included
Dual Track		
Model #	Mag Tracks	Host Interface: Connector Compatibility
6980-1	1 and/or 2	DB-9 Female ⌘ : Power Pack Included
6980-3	1 and/or 2	DB-9 Female ⌘ : Power Pack Not Included
6980-5 †	1 and/or 2	DB-9 Female ⌘ : Power Pack Not Included

† Not standard product. Please consult factory for availability.

⌘ When included, the power pack is a wall mount device with 110 vac primary, and a regulated +5 VDC secondary output.

⌘ Connector contains a molded-in power jack.

\* Power must be supplied on pin 9 of the DB-9 connector.

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## Installation

All versions of the SCANTEAM 6980 depend on an external source of +5 VDC power to operate. Since most RS-232 interface ports don't provide a power source, an external + 5 VDC power supply must be plugged into the molded receptacle in the SCANTEAM 6980's interface connector for all versions, except the 6980-5 †.

The SCANTEAM 6980 is easily installed into a PC system in the following steps:

- 1) Turn the system power off.
- 2) Connect the MSR cable to the PC's 9 pin D male RS-232 port.
- 3) Connect the 5 VDC adaptor cable to the MSR and then plug the 5 VDC adaptor into a 120 vac receptacle.
- 4) The MSR can be mounted to the wall, the side of a PC, a keyboard, or simply to a counter with the hook and loop fastener strips included with the product. Alternatively, the screws holding the bottom plastic case on the MSR may be replaced with longer screws for mounting purposes.
- 5) Turn the system power on.
- 6) Configure your host device to accept RS-232 data on its RS-232 port.
- 7) Test the SCANTEAM 6980's host interface configuration by passing a magnetic stripe card through the SCANTEAM 6980. The magnetic stripe data should appear on your PC screen. If the data does not appear on the screen, you may have to modify the output data configuration of the SCANTEAM 6980 (see page 6, Configuration Options).

† The SCANTEAM 6980-5 will only operate when the host device supplies power on pin 9 of its DB-9 RS-232 interface port.

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## Output Data Format

**Note:** See DIP Switch Feature Selection chart on page 8 for factory default settings.

### Character Frame:

Start Bit: One  
Data Bit: 8, 7 (optional)  
Parity: None, Odd, Even (optional)  
Stop Bit: One

### Single Track:

{STX} {SS} <**TRACK DATA**> {ES} {CHECKSUM OF DATA} {ETX}

### Dual Track:

Track 2 data follows track 1 data **or** precedes track 3 data.

{STX} {SS} <**TRACK 1 or 2 DATA**> {ES} {CHECKSUM} {DLE}

{STX} {SS} <**TRACK 2 or 3 DATA**> {ES} {CHECKSUM} {ETX}

### Triple Track:

Track 1 data followed by track 2 data, and then track 3 data.

{STX} {SS} <**TRACK 1 DATA**> {ES} {CHECKSUM} {DLE}

{STX} {SS} <**TRACK 2 DATA**> {ES} {CHECKSUM} {DLE}

{STX} {SS} <**TRACK 3 DATA**> {ES} {CHECKSUM} {ETX}

**Where:** <STX> = START OF TEXT CHARACTER

<DLE> = DATA LINK ESCAPE CHARACTER

<ETX> = END OF TEXT CHARACTER

SS = Start sentinel	%	Track 1 for ISO, CA DMV, AAMVA
	;	Track 2 for ISO, CA DMV, AAMVA
	;	Track 3 for ISO
	%	Track 3 for AAMVA
	!	Track 3 for CA DMV
ES = End sentinel	?	Tracks 1, 2, 3 for ISO, CA DMV, AAMVA

ISO = International Standards Organization (ISO # 7811)

CA DMV = California Department of Motor Vehicles

AAMVA = American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators

*Data characters in braces, “{ },” and not in boldface are optional.*

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## Configuration Options: Dip Switch Controlled

The SCANTEAM 6980 contains a Dual In-Line Package (DIP) switch pack which is used to configure the operation of the reader. The position of these switches are pre-set by Welch Allyn and normally do not need to be changed by the user, unless the host device's RS-232 communication parameters do not match the SCANTEAM 6980's default settings (see page 8).

The DIP switches on the SCANTEAM 6980 control the following host interface parameters:

### **“SS” and “ES” characters**

This parameter allows the “SS” and “ES” characters encoded on the magnetic stripe to be transmitted or not transmitted to the host PC.

### **RS-232 Data Bit and Parity Selection**

This parameter allows you to change the MSR's serial RS-232 output parameters for character data bit count and parity. The following selections are available:

- 8 data bits and no parity,
- 7 data bits and even parity, or
- 7 data bits and odd parity.

### **RS-232 Baud Rate Selection**

This parameter allows you to change the MSR's serial RS-232 output parameters for baud rate. The following selections are available:

- 1200 bps (bits per second),
- 2400 bps,
- 9600 bps, or
- 19200 bps.

### **Check Sum Selection**

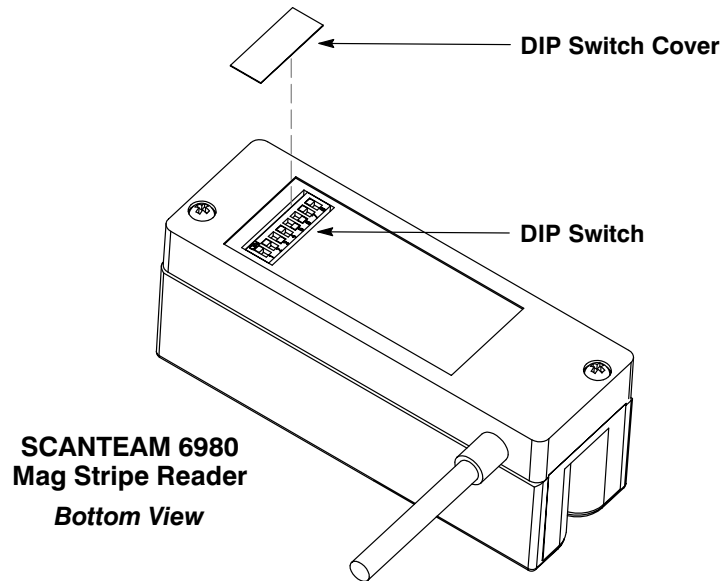
This parameter allows transmission of a checksum character (or no check sum) after the track data sent by the MSR.

In order to access the DIP switch pack, the DIP switch cover must be removed, exposing the switches.

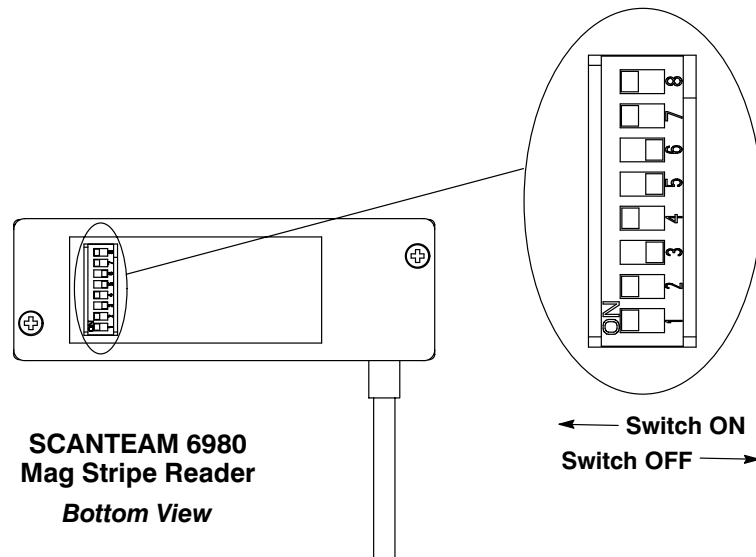
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### Accessing the SCANTEAM 6980 DIP Switch

1. Remove the DIP switch cover (on the bottom of the MSR).



2. Set DIP switches to desired position.



3. Re-install the DIP switch cover.

## Dip Switch Feature Selection

Parameter	Configurations				
RS-232 Type Data Bit and Parity ②	<b>Setting SW 1</b>	8 Bit None ON*	Reserved OFF	7 Bit Even ON	7 Bit Odd OFF
	<b>SW 2</b>	ON*	ON	OFF	OFF
SS, ES Code	<b>Setting SW 3</b>	Enabled OFF*		Disabled ON	
RS-232 Type Baud Rate	<b>Setting SW 4</b>	1200 ON	2400 OFF	9600 ON*	19200 OFF
	<b>SW 5</b>	ON	ON	OFF*	OFF
Check Sum	<b>Setting SW 6</b>	Disabled OFF*		Enabled ON	
STX, ETX, DLE	<b>Setting SW 7</b>	Enabled ON*		Disabled OFF	
Mode	<b>Setting SW 8</b>	Normal Operating ON*		Programming OFF	

- Notes:**
- ① Asterisk (\*) Indicates Factory Default Setting.
  - ② Data Format includes one Start Bit and one Stop Bit.

## Configuration Options: Program Mode Download Controlled

The SCANTEAM 6980 Magnetic Stripe Reader has two operating modes: Normal Operation and Programming.

In Normal Operation mode, everything typed on a connected keyboard is passed to the host PC directly. A program utility is required for Programming mode. The utility will monitor the keys pressed and program the MSR via the RS-232 port. The green LED will flash and the MSR will beep as each command key is typed during programming.

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In Programming mode, the following parameters are programmable:

- communication parameters
- beeper enable/disable
- MSR track decode selection

**Note:** *To set options in the "Programming" mode all commands MUST BE typed in with an AT type keyboard.*

#### **Enabling or Disabling Track Configurations and / or Beeper**

1. Turn off power to the SCANTEAM 6980. (If a PC provides power to the MSR, then turn the PC off.)
2. Set MSR DIP switch position 8 to OFF.
3. Turn on power to the MSR.
4. Run the software utility by typing the executable file name at the command line. The executable file is that shown on the SCANTEAM 6980 Programming Utility disk received with the MSR.

Example: **A:\MENU100A.EXE**

The disk is in drive A and the executable file name shown on the disk is "MENU100A.EXE."

5. Follow the setup instructions on the disk:
  - Select the COM port, baud rate, number of data bits and parity. Communication parameters selected must match those set by the switch selections of the MSR being programmed.
  - Select the track enable/disable configuration you need.
  - Enable or disable the beeper.
6. Turn off power to the MSR.
7. Set MSR DIP switch position 8 to ON.
8. Reapply power to the MSR.

**Note:** *Triple track enable/disable options are not available with a two track MSR.*

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## Specifications

Recording Method	Two-frequency coherent phase (F2F), compatible with ISO 7811
Swipe Speed	5 to 50 in/sec (worst case with $\pm 12\%$ jitter card), bi-directional
Power Requirements	Reader is low-power CMOS. Power is supplied by an external +5 VDC power pack to operate the reader.
Current Draw	60 mA @ +5 VDC maximum
Output	Data read from the magnetic stripe card is transmitted to the computer according to the Output Data Format (page 5) and the DIP Switch settings (page 8). (RS-232 decoded-out)
Operating Temperatures	14° F to 122° F (-10° C to 50° C)
Storage Temperatures	-22° F to 158° F (-30° C to 70° C)
Operating Humidity	10% to 90% relative humidity
Dimensions	Length 3.94 in (10.0 cm) Width 1.34 in (3.40 cm) Height 1.67 in (4.24 cm)
Weight	Approximately 10.6 oz. (300 g)
Cable Length	From card reader to computer, approximately 5 feet (150 cm).
Connector	9 pin D-subminiature connector
Magnetic Head Life	300,000 passes minimum (longer life version available)
Configuration Options	Contains an 8 position DIP switch which allows users to select host interface parameters (see table on page 8) and PC configuration utility.

**Note:** All models of the SCANTEAM 6980 require external power. The Configurations table on page 3 indicates which MSR models are shipped with a power pack.

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## Pin Assignments

**All Models 6980: –1, –2 †, –3, –4 †, and –5 †**

DB-9 Pin #	Function
1, 4, 6	Shorted together
2	TxD (transmitted data) from MSR
3	No connection
5	Signal Ground
7, 8	Shorted together
9	No connection on 6980–1, –2, –3, –4 +5 VDC power input on 6980–5 only
Shell	Shield

† Not standard product. Please consult factory for availability.

## Software Revision History

The following table contains the SCANTEAM 6980 MSR's software revision history. The software revision of the SCANTEAM 6980 is printed on the label located on the bottom of the MSR.

Software Revision	Effective UG Date/Rev	Notes
6B50	prior to 10/24/96	CE version.
M100A005.HEX, D490	10/24/96 Rev D	Above plus: Programming Utility disk, Programmable track combination enable/disable.
M100B015.HEX, F4E8	1/1/97 Rev E	Above plus: LED, Programmable beeper enable/disable.
M100B016.HEX, F164	7/1/97 Rev F	Above plus: STX, ETX, DLE enable/disable.

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